[Mr. K. George.]

(*c*) Yes, in the case of two acting Ezhava graduate clerks in the Account Office and one in the Secretariat.

(*d*) The rule does not stand in the way of according preferential treatment to backward communities at the time of initial recruitment, and hence there is no need to modify the rule.

Procedure re Legal Action against Police Officers.

349. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to modify the provision that legal action by the people against police officers should be taken only in a First Class Magistrate's Court, and to rule that such complaints may be lodged in any court according to the nature of the case?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The rule applies only to alleged offences by police officers under the Police Regulation IV of 1095. The existence of this restriction cannot be said to have worked hardship during the period it has been in force. Frivolous complaints in the lower Magisterial Courts must be guarded against. The Government see no reason therefore to alter the rule.

Accidents from Motor Vehicles.

350. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of injuries and deaths caused by service motor vehicles during the twelve months ending the 30th Kanni 1101?

(*b*) Are they aware that such accidents are on the increase?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to specially direct the Police Commissioner to properly control the service motor vehicles by making the necessary provisions against overloading and rash driving?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Cases of injury ... 57
Cases of death ... 8

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The matter is already engaging the attention of the Police Commissioner.

Communal Representation in the State Service.

351. **MR. T. J. MATTHEW** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) whether they have called for a statement of the appointments, caste by caste, made in the years 1098 and 1099 by the various heads of departments;

(ii) if so, whether they have scrutinised those statements and [illegible]ny orders thereon;

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